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Leicester, Thurs. June 27.

1861 (prob.)

Dear Burleigh;

Yrs. reached me on Tuesday, and (savouring in your purpose to send no more Mss. until you could send the whole - and even to that I sh^d. not object, provided you had duly notified the Comtee. & they the printers - that such was the arrangement,) commanded my entire & most cordial assent. I am very glad that you feel, as I have ^{felt}, the importance of our not publishing until we can publish in full to the present time - or until the close of our last Society Year. - I shall make the best effort in my power to induce the Ex. Com. to agree to that, and your opinion will have weight with them. I shall be more likely to prevail, I presume, if I can say to them that, instead of occupying the 100 pp. assigned by them as the desirable limit of the Report for 60-61, your purpose is not to go beyond 75 pp. I am led to suggest thus to you, by your own remark that you would rather make it less than 100, than go up to that point, if possible; - and in this ~~connection~~ I will say that, in the Com. meeting, it was urged by one of the Comtee (who agreed with me that it was best not to print until we c^d. print down to May 1/61) that the limits of the Rept. for 60-61 be set at 75 pages; - and, I take it, this would be easy 'eno' for you, commencing on the reduced system, & treating every topic in the abridged & condensed method. - My whole reason for desiring this abridgment is that already suggested to you, viz. that our funds are not likely to hold out much longer. [Private] I may say to you, in confidence, that the stopping of the Standard, by the middle of the autumn, is among not only the probabilities but the probabilities - I may say the certainties, unless some new unlooked-for financial supply opens to us; and that 2 meetings of the Ex. Com.

have been held with express reference to this subject.
Please remember that this is entirely private for the present.]
- The only serious objection I anticipate, to my effort to get
the vote reconsidered, ~~is~~ one based on the Comtee's inability
to print 750 cqd. of so bulky a Report as even 75 pp.,
added to the unusual length of the Rept for 59-60, will
make. Still, with no more than 75 pp. added, I hope to
carry the point. — I sh^d. be glad of a line from you,
saying what you think of the 75 pp. plan. —

And I am most sorry, and full of sympathy with
you, in regard to the need you feel of having to condense,
strike out, & perhaps rewrite, much of the material you have
already prepared for 59-60; and yet (for the same reason, our
lowness of funds,) I cannot allow myself to say a word to
dissuade you from the purpose of condensing, although I am
very certain the Report will be the loser by reason thereof.
I wish we could preserve and print every word your
patient study & scrutiny have led you to commit to paper,
as a Report of the progress of the Cause; for I am sure
every word was important, seasonable, needful to illustrate or
enforce some point of consequence; but when we are not
able to speak fully, we must consent to the necessity wh.
requires us to speak briefly, concisely, and with as much
Condensation of fact & thought as possible. I therefore

hope the 32 pp. (which, as you judge, you have on hand
of 1859-60) may be reduced to, at most, the half of that,

I had prepared an Appendix, for 59-60, by desire of the
Comtee, being an account of the Annual Meeting, Speeches, Business

He. of that year, which the printers calculated would have made 36 pp. of smaller type, but, at the suggestion of the last Com. meeting, have struck out probably 5 sixths of it, - perhaps more. — If not too late ~~for~~ⁱⁿ the suggestion, I should say, in your work of condensation, Rather cut out what precedes the Congressional matter of 59-60, referred to by you, than the said Congress matter; — but, as to that, you have the whole before you, and can best judge for yourself. — In conclusion, I can only say, Condense all that it will bear, not to be in violent contrast with the fullness of previous treatments.

I have avoided writing to you, for many weeks previous to my last, because I would not even slightly interrupt you, tho' I panted to hear from you, & how the work was progressing. And to interrupt no further now,

I subscribe myself,

Most truly & cordially

Your friend Saml. May Jr.

F. Jackson - when I last heard - had had several days & nights of considerable comfort & freedom from pain - taking some decided nourishment, which had revived him perceptibly.

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